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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for filing the appellant's brief be extended 4 months from December 14, 1999 to April 14, 2000 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$1,360.00 for a 4 month extension for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee/fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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